

Developers still must wait to put golf plan in full swing

Provo Council delays decision on granting lease in South Fork of canyon.

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PROVO — Developers of a golf resort in South Fork of Provo Canyon — one that they hope might host a Professional Golf Association tournament someday — will have to wait a month to step up to the first tee.

Before plans for the tentatively named Shingle Creek development can move ahead, Dr. Richard Parkinson must secure property on which to build. The City Council on Tuesday postponed until Aug. 17 a decision to sign a 99-year lease for 200 acres of city property known as the Wallace Ranch. For developers, obtaining the lease would be like hitting off the No. 1 tee in a 72-

ers haven't yet addressed, especially the configuration of a sewer system and possible cost to homeowners.

"I don't believe it's prudent to sign a lease with so many unanswered questions," said Councilwoman Shari Holweg. Her colleagues concurred.

Council members were also concerned that under terms of the lease, alterations to the project plan would not return to them for consideration. That decision would rest with the mayor. The council wants to determine whether a golf resort is the best use of the land.

Should the council approve the lease, the debate about whether to build the resort will shift to the county arena. The land lies in the unincorporated county, leaving final project approval to the Utah County Commission.

Many South Fork residents and

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rough. A petition signed by 93 property owners cites fire danger, water contamination, increased traffic, water supply, lack of benefit to Utah residents and risk of additional development as reasons for their opposition.

Harold Carter, of Vivian Park, isn't buying Parkinson's claim that he offers the best chance for least development in South Fork. Carter likes the canyon the way it is.

"We already feel we have the best protection in there," he said.

Under terms of the proposed agreement, Parkinson would use the land rent-free for the first three years. Rent would be

\$24,000 annually the fourth year and increase \$12,000 every five years to a maximum of \$50,000 a year. The city would also collect 1 percent of the resort's gross adjusted receipts annually. Mayor Mike Hill said the city intends to use the revenue to improve parks and recreation facilities. Shingle Creek would include a

golf course, pro shop, driving range, swimming pool, tennis courts, health spa, restaurant, a 60-room lodge and up to 15 cabins. The development is subject to all federal, state, county and municipal laws regarding the environment, watershed and culinary water supply.

"It will be one of the best golf courses in the world," Parkinson said. Renowned golf course architect Robert Trent Jones has expressed interest in designing the course. Developers would like to attract a PGA tour event, possibly with local corporate backing.

Citizens like Rick Knecht implored the council to leave South Fork as it is to allow citizens access to the forest.

"If this goes through tonight, it's over. I'll have to rent that opportunity. I'll have to buy a ticket," Knecht said.

Professional golfer Mike Reid, who's a consultant to developers, said the golf course would provide more opportunity for recreation.

"We don't want to be looked upon as the ogre in the canyon that puts up fences. We want to knock fences down," he said.

High Temp
Forecast for noon Thursday



TRAVEL + LEISURE

Great Salt L., Utah L.: Some clouds, isolated thunderstorms; wind 10-20 mph; 60s, 80s.

Bear L., Flaming Gorge, Strawberry: Isolated thunderstorms, lake wind 10-20 mph; Temps 40s, 60s-80.

Canyonlands, Zion Nat'l Park, Lake Powell: Fair skies, wind 15-25 mph; Temps 60-70, 90-100; lake -32 ft.; Bullfrog water 78 deg.

THE RECORD

COMPARATIVE TEMPERATURES —

Yesterday high/low	83/58
Mean/Departure from normal	71/-7
Normal	78
A year ago high/low	87/56
All-time high for month	107
All-time low for month	40

PRECIPITATION: Inches Normal

Month to date	34%	.12	.35
Precipitation — 1993		12.74	9.45
Percent of normal	135%		
Year since Oct 1, 1992	17.30	13.58	
Percent since Oct. 1	127%		

POLLEN COUNT

(Courtesy, Intermountain Allergy-Asthma Clinic 363-4071)

Grass	hi	Plantain	hi
Mold	low	Pigweed	hi
Tree of Hvn	low	Ragweed	hi

STREAM FLOWS

River Forecast Center: 539-1311

Colorado — Cisco	12,400 cfs
Green River — Utah	4,400 cfs
San Juan near Bluff	1,700 cfs

Albuquerque	90	65	.03	cdy
Anchorage	72	51		clr
Atlanta	93	74		cdy
Boise	83	49		r'n
Boston	91	73		cdy
Casper	73	55		cdy
Chicago	82	61	.11	cdy
Dallas	96	77		cdy
Denver	80	58	.53	r'n
Detroit	82	70	.14	cdy
Fairbanks	88	56		clr
Honolulu	89	76		clr
Las Vegas	100	78		clr
Los Angeles	78	65		cdy
Miami	90	74		cdy
Mnpls-StPaul	67	60	.10	cdy
New Orleans	89	73	1.62	cdy
New York	94	71		cdy
Orlando	91	74		r'n
Phoenix	103	84		clr
Portland	72	58	.04	r'n
Reno	82	51		clr
St. Louis	91	72	.71	cdy
San Diego	74	65		cdy
San Francisco	67	54		cdy
Seattle	71	55	.01	cdy
Spokane	70	52		cdy
Washington DC	98	80		cdy

Hot spot 110 Havasu City, AZ
Cool spot 29 West Yellowstone

INTERNATIONAL

City	Sky	Time	F	C
Amsterdam	drzl	1 pm	63	17
Asuncion	clr	8 am	40	4
Auckland	cdy	mdnt	53	11
Berlin	ptcl	1 pm	67	19
Cairo	clr	2 pm	93	33
Calgary	ptcl	9 am	43	6
Geneva	cdy	1 pm	69	20
Helsinki	rain	2 pm	62	16
Lisbon	clr	1 pm	88	31
London	cdy	1 pm	69	20
Moscow	cdy	3 pm	64	17
Paris	clr	1 pm	64	18
Riyadh	clr	3 pm	104	40
Rome	ptcl	1 pm	75	24
Seoul	clr	9 pm	77	25
Tokyo	rain	9 pm	80	26
Vienna	cdy	1 pm	66	19